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**A METHOD OF IMPROVING UNIFORMITY OF ETCHING OF A FILM ON AN ARTICLE**For: **Kamalesh K. Srivastava, et al.**Name of Assignee: International Business Machines Corporation  
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